



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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March 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

April 8: TBA, tentatively “Radio Sport” by Jeff Hammer, N9NIC

May 13: TBA, tentatively RF Exposure presentation

June 10: Annual Auction, **at Salvation Army EDS, 4020 Georgetown Road, 46254**

Highlights from the March Meeting:

The meeting was called to order IN PERSON by club President, David Spoelstra, N9KT, at 7:30 pm. This meeting was held at the Indiana War Memorial, starting in “Spruance Hall”. There were 25 in attendance. There were 3 new hams present: Mark Bailey, KD9TZS; Ryan Smith, KD9TWF; Kyle Riddle, KD9LTG.

Jeff Hammer, N9NIC, reminded those present about the “[Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air](#)” event coming up this summer, June 4 through 19. In Indiana, the event will be hosted by the [Clark County Club](#). The event will be running 24 hours per day.

David mentioned that Brent Walls, N9BA, is still looking for operators to assist in the 500 Festival Mini-Marathon, coming up on Saturday, May 7. There are many perks available to those that volunteer, including a T-shirt, and a volunteer appreciation event at the track. If interested, contact Brent at bwalls@arrl.net.

Jay Kraus, W9TC, won the evening's door prize, which was a \$25 gift certificate for [R and L Electronics](#), in Hamilton, OH.

At this point, the meeting was turned over to Jason Edwardson, Tour Manager of the Indiana War Memorials. Jason gave us a little background on the Indiana War Memorials and then started our tour in the Pershing Auditorium with a very informative video about the background and construction of the Indiana War Memorial. The building was constructed in the late 1920s to early 30s at a cost of just over 3 million dollars. General John Pershing set the cornerstone in 1927. Jason took us to the Shrine Room, above the auditorium next. After Jason explained the details of the Shrine Room and answered our questions, we went to the basement museum of the Civil War. There are many Civil War artifacts and displays there, including battle flags of the Indiana units. We all appreciated how gracious Jason was with his time for our tour. I strongly encourage anyone who hasn't been through the Indiana War Memorial in recent years to check it out. More information on the IWM can be found at <https://www.in.gov/iwm/indiana-war-memorial-museum/> The IWM is open for tours Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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2022 CLUB DUES ARE DUE, AND PAYABLE VIA PAYPAL NOW!

Club Dues are receivable at any time. Individual dues are \$20 per year, or Family dues are \$30 per year (all family members need to live in the same household). Dues can be paid with PayPal at treasurer@indyradioclub.org. Be sure to send the payment as a "friend", **not for** "goods and services". This will prevent any fees being assessed to the payment. For those that don't have a PayPal account, you can send a check made out to "Indianapolis Radio Club" to Ken Bandy, 7405 E. County Road 900 N, Brownsburg, IN 46112.

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 52 annual members paid through 2022 (for reference, we had 67 annual members paid in 2021). To check your status, point your browser to <https://tinyurl.com/radio-club-members>

As an added incentive for membership in the club, at in-person meetings, we will have periodic door prize drawings for items such as gift certificates for equipment vendors,

and such. Only up to date members present at that meeting will be eligible for these drawings.

HAMVENTION 2022 IS “ABSOLUTELY” ON!

Many Hamvention volunteers attended the recent Hamcation weekend in Orlando, FL. They were heartened to see so many friends at the show! The aisles were full of people, the vendors appeared pleased with the brisk business, and the Hamvention booth was bombarded with well-wishers and folks with one question on their mind: “Are you going to have Hamvention this year?”

General Chairman Rick Allnutt, WS8G, said it was a pleasure to assure everyone that Hamvention 2022 is a go. “Absolutely, we will be having Hamvention” echoed from the booth all weekend. Many Hamvention tickets were sold at the pre-show price, also available right now on the Hamvention.org website.

UKRAINE HAMS OFF THE AIR

Radio amateurs in Ukraine appear to be diligently maintaining radio silence as the state of emergency declared there just prior to the Russian military invasion remains in effect. A February 24 decree from President Volodymyr Zelensky included “a ban on the operation of amateur radio transmitters for personal and collective use.” The Ukraine Amateur Radio League (UARL/LRU) reported this past week that it has received many messages of encouragement from the worldwide amateur radio community.

IARU Region 1 re-posted part of an advisory from the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC) HF Committee on February 27. “Any radio amateur currently transmitting from Ukraine is risking his or her life. If you hear a Ukrainian station, do not broadcast its call sign, location, or frequency — whether on the band, in a cluster, or on social media. You may be putting lives at risk.” The DARC’s overarching advice: “In the current situation, the best we can do is listen.”

The complete article can be found at <http://arrrl.net/news/ukraine-maintains-ham-radio-silence-in-state-of-emergency>

APRIL TECHNICIAN CLASSES IN BROWNSBURG

On April 9th and 23rd, classes will be held at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 9710 W 56th St., Brownsburg, to prepare students for the Technician level Amateur Radio exam. These classes will start at 9:00 am, and go for 6 or 7 hours both days. The classes are limited to no more than 40 students. If you know of someone that is interested in getting into the hobby, have them contact Bruce Enz, W9ENZ at bruceenz@gmail.com or by phone at (317) 201-8299.

SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

With spring approaching, spring storms are also approaching. It's a good idea to take advantage of spotter training classes, both for those new to spotting, and as a refresher for experienced spotters. There are several "in-person" classes scheduled, as well as 4 "virtual" classes scheduled. Some of the in-person classes, and all of the virtual classes require pre-registration. NOTE: The only in-person class scheduled for Marion County, on March 16, currently shows as being full. For the complete line up, go to <https://www.weather.gov/ind/spotter#train>

ANNUAL ARMED FORCES CROSS-BAND EXERCISE MAY 14

The 2022 running of the Armed Forces Day (AFD) Cross-Band exercise will be held on May 14, 1300 – 2200 UTC. A complete list of participating stations, modes, frequencies, times, and other details will be announced on April 1. The event is open to all radio amateurs. Armed Forces Day is May 21, but the AFD Cross-band military-amateur radio event traditionally takes place 1 week earlier, in order to avoid conflicting with Dayton Hamvention®. During the exercise, radio amateurs listen for stations on military operating frequencies and transmit on frequencies in adjacent amateur bands.

This is always a fun and interesting event. For more information, go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/annual-armed-forces-day-cross-band-exercise-set-for-may-14>

“LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL ON THE AIR” EVENT COMING UP

Lewis & Clark Trail On the Air is seeking Amateur Radio Clubs and participants that are located in Indiana. If you have an interest of setting up and operating during this event, check out Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/LewisandClarkOTA>) or <https://lctota.org/> event details.

The organizers for this event are hoping that this information spikes some interest from club stations from Indiana.

They have got most of the 16 states covered, just need to get a couple more. It's getting exciting. The clubs involved are excited too. So get ready for June 4-19 for the 1st Lewis and Clark Trail On the Air event.

“NEW HAM” CLASSES IN DANVILLE

Beginning Wednesday, March 16, the Danville Community Amateur Radio Club will be hosting weekly classes for newly licensed hams or any ham wanting to touch up on operating practices. The classes will meet at the Hendricks County Senior Services Center, located at 1201 Sycamore Lane, Danville, IN. This is behind the Hendricks Regional Health campus north of Danville. The classes will meet from 7:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm. Anyone with questions, or that would like to attend, please email W9HCA2010@gmail.com. Note that this is NOT a license study class.

PHOTOS FROM OUR MARCH MEETING



The breath-taking
“Shrine Room” at the
Indiana War
Memorial.



A decent turn-out for
our first in-person
meeting in 2 years!

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the March 20, 1972 Newsletter:

NEW CALL SIGNS:

Proposed use of distinctive prefixes to indicate class of license held, as an example WT or KT may go to Technicians, WR will indicate repeaters, WS for satellites, etc. *[Guess this didn't pan out.]*

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Columbus Hamfest: Saturday, April 2, 8:00 am to noon at Bartholomew County Fairgrounds Community Building. Go to <http://carcnet.net/2022-hamfest/> for details.
- Henry County Tailgate: Saturday, April 16, 8:00 am to noon at Henry County Memorial Park, Smith Building. More info at <http://w9ob.org/test-page/>
- ARRL - INDIANA STATE CONVENTION, North Central Indiana Hamfest: Saturday, May 7, 9:00 - 2:00 at Miami Co. Fairgrounds, 1029 W 200 N, Peru, IN. Click [here](#) for more info.
- Hamvention 2022: May 20 - 22, 2022 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center. Go to <https://hamvention.org/> for more info.

2022 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – president@indyradioclub.org
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